

In response to the outstanding Official Action, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7-14, 16-21, 23-25 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 15, 22, 26 and 27 and add new claim 29 as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made, is enclosed.

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--15. (Amended) A process unit comprising:

(a) a photosensitive member for retaining a developer image thereon;

(b) a charging member in contact with the photosensitive member for charging the photosensitive member; and

(c) a cleaning member for cleaning a surface of said photosensitive member by scraping the surface of said photosensitive member,

wherein the surface of said photosensitive member produces

scraped particles of said surface, said particles have an average particle diameter of $9 \mu\text{m}$ or less and a total weight of the scraped particles is 16 mg or more per a length of 2.8×10^2 mm in a longitudinal direction of said photosensitive member, when the surface of said photosensitive member is scraped by said cleaning member without said photosensitive member retaining the developer image thereon under conditions in that said

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cleaning member abuts said photosensitive member at an abutment pressure of 20-80 gf/cm and a surface length in a lateral direction of said photosensitive member scraped by said cleaning member is 1.0×10^6 mm.

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22. (Amended) A process unit according to claim 15, wherein said photosensitive member has a charge generation layer and a charge transport layer and the surface of said photosensitive member is the charge transport layer.

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26. (Amended) A process unit according to claim 15, wherein the cleaning member is shaped as a blade and the blade is in contact with the surface of said photosensitive member in a direction counter to a moving direction of the surface of said photosensitive member.

27. (Amended) A process unit according to claim 15 detachably mountable to a main body of an image forming apparatus.

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29. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

(a) a photosensitive member which can retain a developer image thereon;

(b) a charging member in contact with said photosensitive member for charging said photosensitive member;

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(c) image forming means for forming the developer image on said photosensitive member; and

(d) a cleaning member for cleaning a surface of said photosensitive member by scraping the surface of said photosensitive member,

wherein the surface of said photosensitive member produces scraped particles of said surface which have an average particle diameter of $9 \mu\text{m}$ or less and a total weight of the scraped particles is 16 mg or more per a length of 2.8×10^2 mm in a longitudinal direction of said photosensitive member, when the surface of said photosensitive member is scraped by said cleaning member without said photosensitive member retaining the developer image thereon under conditions in that said cleaning blade abuts against said photosensitive member at an abutment pressure of 20-80 gf/cm and a surface length in a lateral direction of said photosensitive member scraped by said cleaning member is 1.0×10^6 mm.--

REMARKS

The claims are 15, 22, 26, 27 and 29 with claims 16 and 29 being independent. Former claims 7-14, 16-21, 23-25 and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 29 has been added. Reconsideration of the claims is expressly requested.

Former claims 10-12 and 18-20, previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101, have been cancelled, thus rendering the objection thereto, moot.